

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Please amend the title as follows:**

**PACKAGING BAG POUCH FOR MICROWAVE OVEN**

**Please replace the current Abstract with the following Abstract:**

An inexpensive packaging [[bag]]pouch for use in a microwave oven, in which the packaging [[bag]]pouch can be prevented from opening at the base part of a branch section when used for retorting or for cooking in the microwave oven, and pressure in the packaging [[bag]]pouch can be automatically released when the [[bag]]pouch is used for cooking in the microwave oven. A packaging [[bag]]pouch for microwave oven hermetically sealed by heat-sealing a plastic film is provided with a branch section, and a vapor release seal part having at least one weakened part is formed at the branch section. Opening preventive means are provided at the branch section and inside a peripheral edge seal part, facing the branch section, of a packaging [[bag]]pouch body.

**Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 11-12 of the specification with the following paragraph:**

In a packaging pouch 21, the opening preventive means 17 is formed by heat sealing an entire region surrounded by the opening preventive means 7 provided in the branched section 3 of the packaging pouch 11 of Fig. 5 and the peripheral edge seal part 2. Other structures of the packaging pouch [[11]] 21 are the same as those of the packaging pouch 11 of Fig. 5.